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“Global Change, Shifting Dynamics, and the Third World”

Brazil Conference a Resounding Success

The ATWS Conference in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil, featured over 70 scholars from locations as far-flung as Nigeria, India, and the United States. Presenters on 25 panels and round tables shared their research on a wide array of subjects and countries, and engaged vigorously with their respective audiences in the question-and-answer sessions which followed the formal presentations. It was gratifying to witness the scope and depth of expertise on display, a credit to the individual scholars, of course, but also a testimonial to the vibrancy of the organization which has encouraged and mobilized such talent, year after year.

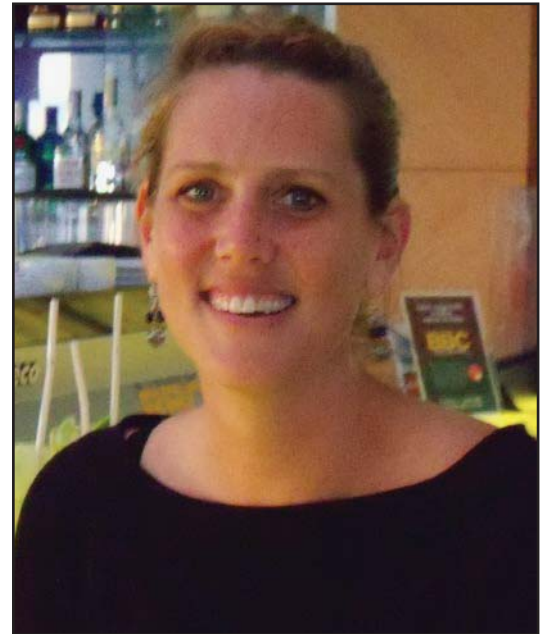


Of special note was a round table discussion panel on children. Organized by Dr. Assefaw Bariagaber, ATWS 2011 President, the round table was in honor of Doris Isaacs, late wife of Dr. Harold Isaacs. Participants had

the opportunity to present research on dynamics associated with children and to reflect on Doris' life as well. Dr. Isaacs, who participated on the panel, was immensely pleased that his wife was remembered in this way, since the subject of children was very near and dear to Doris' heart.

The Presidential Address entitled, “System Equilibrium, Transitions, and Demands of the Excluded,” was presented by Assefaw Bariagaber, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University. The address, which preceded the announcement of the annual awards, was a scholarly tour de force of developments and developing trends in the Third World.

As ATWS 2012 President, I wish to extend my gratitude to all who made this conference a rousing success. Each of you who took the time to submit your work and to attend the conference reaffirmed your commitment to meeting the ATWS objectives of holding many of our conferences in the Global South. I would also like to thank the institutions which, along with the ATWS, co-sponsored the Brazil conference: Armstrong Atlantic State University, SUNY College at Plattsburgh, Georgia Southwestern State University, Millersville University, and Seton Hall University Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations. Tours



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of historic sites in Salvador da Bahia were conducted by Condor Travel with the assistance of Michael Hall and, on your behalf; I thank them for a job well done.

To all, I extend my best wishes and look forward to seeing you at our 2012 conference at Berry College, October 11-13, 2012.

Lauren Eastwood, Ph.D.
President, ATWS

Arrival, Salvador da Bahia, Brazil



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An Immersion in Brazilian Culture



Participants also enjoyed multiple opportunities for immersion in the Brazilian culture, beginning with the dinner theater on the day before the formal commencement of the conference. Intermittent excursions from the Hotel Pestana permitted conference participants to explore the European city center of the upper city, replete with its municipal building, mini parks, museum commemorating Portuguese notables, and ornate Catholic churches. One exception to the European flavor of the upper city is the statue of Zumbi dos Palmares, slave-turned-freedom fighter, Afro-Brazilian hero, and a national hero of Brazil. The lower city boasted its Mercado Modelo, the Bay of All

Saints, and the city elevator. Conference participants fanned out in the evenings in search of Brazilian cuisine and, based on reporting, found the fare at the Amado restaurant and at Yemanjá to be especially delectable.



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Executive Council Meeting



The main features of the Executive Council meeting were:

1. Michael Hall's report on election results: John Hickman as Vice-President/ President-elect, and Jyotimaya Tripathy as Executive Council Member
2. Dr. Hickman's briefing on plans for the 2012 ATWS Conference at Berry College
3. Approval of Ravenshaw University in Orissa, India, as the site for the 2013 ATWS Conference. The presentation was made by Dr. Tripathy.
4. Dr. Norman Provizer's presentation of an offer by Metropolitan State College of Denver to host the 2014 ATWS Conference



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Banquet and Awards



Presidential Award – Dr. Chaitram Singh, Berry College, and Dr. Samuel Zalanga, Bethel University (Minnesota)

Lawrence Dunbar Reddick Memorial Scholarship Award – Dr. Clair Apodaca, Florida International University

Cecil B. Currey ATWS Book Award – Dr. Anja Jetschke, Free University Berlin

Toyin Falola ATWS Africa Book Award – Dr. Richard Barltrop

Harold Isaacs Award – Mr. Maurice D. Smith, Howard University

ATWS Outstanding Leadership and Service Award – Dr. Lauren Eastwood, SUNY College at Plattsburgh



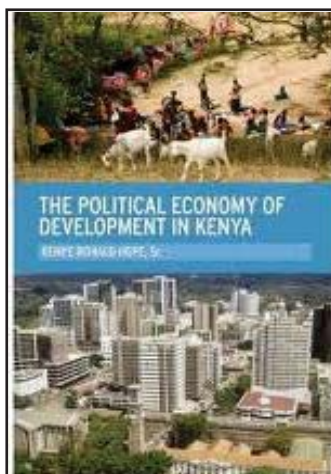
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Recent Publications



Kempe Ronald Hope, Sr. (2011),
The Political Economy of Development in Kenya.
Continuum Books, 282 Pages.

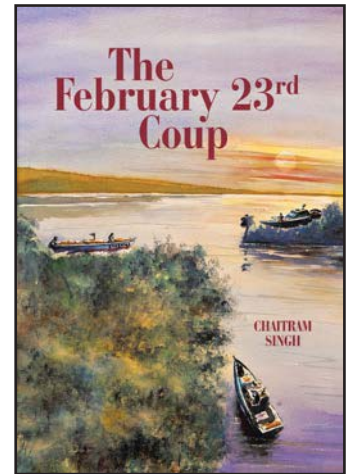
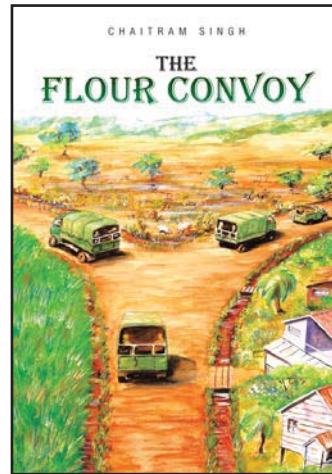
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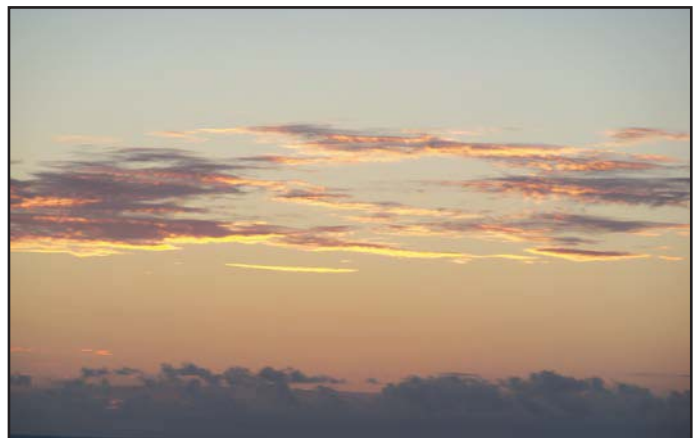
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The Flour Convoy (Republished)
The February 23rd Coup



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